

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 7, rewrite the paragraph beginning at line 17 as follows:

The trapezoid is one non-round shape that has been used to greatly enhance burn progressivity (by elimination of slivers) in certain propellant sticks. ~~The use of non-round shaped extrusion pins and propellant stick grains made with them is described in greater detail in co-pending application S. N. 10/792,431, filed March 3, 2004 and assigned to the same assignee as the present invention, entitled "PROPELLANT EXTRUSION USING SHAPED PERFORATION PINS". That application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety for any purpose.~~